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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF POSSIBLE US OIL TARIFFS OR QUOTAS ON WEST
COAST IMPORTS

1. EMBASSY CALLS TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION RASH OF PRESS
REPORTS CLAIMING USG IS CONSIDERING SPECIAL TARIFFS OR QUOTAS
ON OIL IMPORTS INTO WEST COAST DISTRICT ONLY. WE WOULD AP-
PRECATE RECEIVING ANY INFOR DEPARTMENT HAS ON THE SUBJECT,
INCUDING ANALYSIS OF EFFECT OF THESE OR SIMILAR POLICIES ON
US OIL IMPORTS FROM INDONESIA.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFO, WE ARE REPEATING BELOW EXAMPLE OF
THESE PRESS REPORTS TAKEN FROM MAY 22 CAPITOL ENERGY LETTER.
BEGIN TEXT: TOP DOE OFFICIALS LEAN MORE AND MORE TOWARD WEST
COAST CRUDE QUOTAS: TOP DOE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SECRETARY
SCHLESINGER AND DEP. SECRETARY O'LEARY, ARE SAID TO BE
GROWING MORE AND MORE SUPPORTIVE OF THE IDEA OF IMPOSING A NEW
SYSTEM OF QUOTAS ON FOREIGN CRUDE OIL IMPORTS INTO PAD V (THE
WEST COAST), RATHER THAN TO ATTEMPT TO USE THE ENTITLEMENTS
SYSTEM--TO ENCOURAGE GREATER USE BY REFINERS OF WEST
COAST HEAVY CRUDE OIL. JUST HOW THE NEW SYSTEM OF CRUDE
IMPORT QUOTA CONTROLS WOULD WORK IS TILL FUZZY, BUT
THE AIRM WOULD BE TO PUSH CALIFORNIA REFINERS INTO IN-
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STALLING MORE DESULFURIZATION EQUIPMENT. SINCE THIS
WOULD TAKE TIME, PRESUMABLY THE QUOTA SYSTEM WOULD BE
"PHASED IN", ACCORDING TO SOME DOE OFFICIALS WHO ARE
WORKING ON THE PLAN. SCHLESINGER'S AND O'LEARY'S SUPPORT
FOR IMPORT QUOTAS ON THE WEST COAST PROBABLY STEMS FROM
THE INCREASING POLITICAL TROUBLE FACING THE WHOLE ENTITLE-
MENTS SYSTEM ON CAPITOL HILL. SENATORS AND HOUSE MEMBERS

HAVE NOW FINALLY COME TO REALIZE THAT EVERY TIME MORE
ENTITLEMENTS ARE GIVEN FOR ONE REGION OF THE COUNTRY,
THEY MUST COME OUT OF THE HIDES OF CONSUMERS IN OTHER
AREAS--AND THIS NEW REALIZATION OF HOW ENTITLEMENTS WORK
IS CREATING DEEP POLITICAL DIVISIONS ON CAPITOL HILL.
END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ANY US POLICY THAT HITS
INDONESIAN OIL EXPORTS SELECTIVELY BE REVIEWED BY
DEPARTMENT FOR ITS FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS. WHILE
WE DO NOT WANT TO OVERREACT TO PRESS SPECULATION, WE
WOULD HAVE MAJOR BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH RESTRICTIVE
OIL IMPORT POLICY THAT HITS INDONESIA PRIMARILY.
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